

*Carmel, NY* – Rep. John Hall (D-NY19) released the following statement in response to President Obama's Infrastructure Proposal.

"It is critically important to upgrade our nation's roadways, bridges, rail and air safety. As a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I have continuously advocated for a strong investment in our nation's infrastructure. This is the key to creating jobs in the Hudson Valley that cannot be outsourced, and I look forward to working with the President to make these investments and help us rebuild our troubled economy.

"I appreciate the President's plan to help small businesses by extending and expanding the enhanced capital purchase depreciation through 2011. While traveling across the Hudson Valley, small business leaders repeatedly told me that this tax incentive is critical to allowing their businesses to grow and invest. After learning of the success of this program, I included a similar provision in the Helping Small Businesses Start and Grow Act, which I introduced in February.

"There is no greater moment to invest our time, energy and resources into next generation of infrastructure. These investments preserve our status as the world leader for generations of Americans who will follow behind us."